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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/991,693
Filed: November 26, 2001
Title: Method for Organizing Laboratory Information in a
Database
Inventors: Thomas P. Beals
Atty. Docket: 38-10(52036)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 and 7 accompanying references; and
3. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to
our courier.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If,
however, any fees are due in conjunction with this filing, including any extension of time fees
required to prevent abandonment, then such extension is hereby petitioned and the
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No.
50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.001. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thomas P. Beals

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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

CERTIFICATION AND/OR FEE

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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